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Ms. Carmen Madrid, Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2927

RE: **Southwestern Telephone Company; AMENDED Filing**
Revise Low-Income Assistance Programs Tariff (In Response to Docket No. T-00000A-05-0380, Decision No. 67941)

Dear Ms. Madrid:

Enclosed please find the original and 13 copies of the following **amended** tariff sheet (s):

Section 5

Fifth Revised Sheet 10

The purpose of this **amended** filing is to update the footnote that is included on the tariff sheet listed above. A minor change in language was requested by Staff.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (608) 664-4169.

Sincerely,

Rachelle A. Drone
Senior Administrator - Tariffs

Enclosures

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

SOUTHWESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY
Arizona

Section 5
Fifth Revised Sheet 10
Cancels Fourth Revised Sheet 10

LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A. LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Low-Income Assistance Programs consist of two programs, Lifeline Assistance and Lifeline Connection Assistance. These programs were developed to reduce rates for low income customers. The Company participates in both of these assistance programs to increase the availability of telecommunications services to all consumers in its serving areas. The structure of each program is outlined in the following paragraphs.

1. Lifeline Assistance

a. General

Lifeline Assistance reduces an eligible customer's monthly rates for local service. An eligible customer receives credit for the Federal Subscriber Line Charge as well as a credit towards the residential access line rate.

b. Regulations

- 1) Lifeline Assistance is available to all residential customers who meet the following eligibility requirements: ⁽¹⁾

- a) Customers must participate in one of the following programs:

Medicaid, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), federal public housing assistance or Section 8 (a Federal Housing Assistance Program administered by the Dept. of Urban Development), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), National School Lunch free lunch program, KidsCare, or

Have household income that is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

- b) Beginning October 1, 2000, eligibility has been expanded to permit low-income individuals living on tribal lands to establish their income eligibility by certifying participation in one of the following federal assistance programs: (1) Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; (2) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribally-administered block grant program; (3) Head Start Programs (under income qualifying eligibility provision only); or (4) National School Lunch Program (free meals program only).

⁽¹⁾ Low-income customers who qualify under Arizona Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program (ALITAP) will receive the FCC approved federal baseline support amount plus the additional \$1.75 in federal Lifeline support. ALITAP customers are also eligible to receive matching federal Lifeline support in an amount equal to one-half of the amount of the state support. For example, if the 17% discount in local service charges contributed by the state equaled \$2.00, the matching federal Lifeline support amount would equal \$1.00. Under this example, a total of \$3.00 in additional Lifeline support would be available to ALITAP customers. State support is provided in accordance with A.R.S 46.703.